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The Honorable
Spruille Braden
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

*Re: Letter to Bureau
signed by J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover
Control*

Dear Mr. Braden:

I refer to previous conversations we have had relative to American intelligence work in Latin America and with particular regard to CIC plans to take over the work which has been performed in Latin American countries since 1942 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As you know, an arrangement has been made with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, in order that the continuity of intelligence operations in Latin America should not be prejudiced, to the end that Legal Attaches should not be recalled until such time as qualified and trained CIC representatives shall arrive at their respective posts of duty in the American Republics.

I am transmitting to you herewith a schedule setting forth the dates when CIC representatives will arrive for duty in the various Latin American capitals. I am advised by Mr. Hoover that a representative of the FBI will be present at each post when the [redacted] relinquishes his duties and the CIC representative takes over. [redacted] of CIC, will proceed to Latin America and his trip will follow the itinerary and schedule attached hereto. Mr. DeBardolen has my entire confidence and he is completely familiar with the arrangements which have been made as between the FBI and the CIC in regard to the latter's assumption of intelligence duties in the American Republics.

The purpose of this communication is not only to advise you of the foregoing, but also to suggest that you may care to

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representatives who have been selected and who are currently being trained for duty in the American Republics, I believe, are excellently qualified for this duty. It is now how important you consider

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American intelligence operations in Latin America and I can assure you that I consider the CIA commitment in the American Republics as second to none in importance and significance.

Yours very sincerely,

Enclosure
Schedule

cc: Mr. Jack D. Neal - *Delivered by hand by Mr. J. Edgar, 24 Dec.*
Chief, Div. of Foreign Activity Correlation
Department of State

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